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Dear Sir

## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Request for Continued Examination is in response to the final Office Action dated July 8, 2008 for which a response was due on October 8, 2008. Filed herewith are a Petition and fee for a three month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to January 8, 2009. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein, are respectfully requested.

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